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When I start thinking about a story, it sort of grows in my head... But when I try to tell someone how it's going to go, I often think, "Ack, that won't work..." Back when *M&R* was just developing, I started telling the story to my editor full of confidence. But sure enough, I was only halfway through when I said, "Forget it... It won't work..." That's when my editor got this real look of concern on his face and said, "Nishi, you're going to have to try not being so hard on yourself." It's been like running a marathon in the dark since. I have to thank my readers for reaching out a helping hand and keeping me going. You're the only reason I've made it this far... Here's the conclusion to Enchu's story!

—Yoshiyuki Nishi

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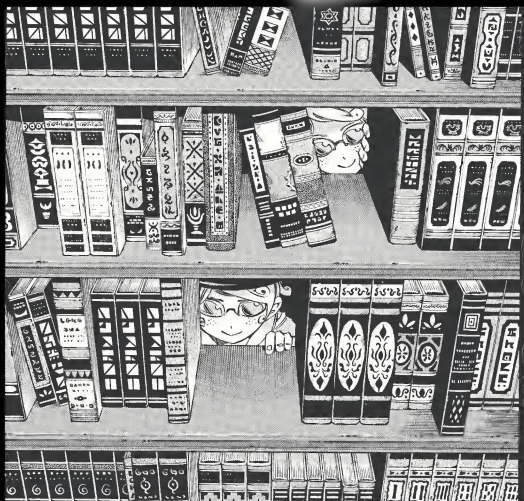
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Seven-Faced Dog

An envoy with the ability to change shape. Specialist at uncovering spectral crimes.

Ginji Sugakiya

Upperclassman at M.L.S. Boasts the rank of Assistant Judge even though he is still enrolled in school.

Reiko Imai

Brave Judge who joined Muhyo and gang during the fight against Face-Ripper Sophie.

Teeki

Dangerous entity marked as a traitor to the Magic Law Association for 800 years.

Nana Takenouchi (Nana)

High school student, spirit medium and amateur photographer. Working as an assistant photographic investigator.

Lili & Maril Mathias

Twin siblings world-renowned for their research in magic law.

Kiriko

A familiar, serving as a go-between for practitioners and their envoys. Fond of Nana, whom she calls "Sis."

Kenji Sato (Kenji)

Muhyo and Roji saved this troublemaker from a ghost, earning his grudging respect.

Yuuri

Favored envoy of Muhyo, summoned during the forming of Muhyo's contract with Pluto.

The Story

Magic law is a newly established practice for judging and punishing the increasing crimes committed by spirits; those who use it are called "practitioners."

While Goryo was successful in driving back Ivy, Muhyo and gang have literally gone underground to escape Buhpu the Puppetmaster's sudden assault. At Yoichi's suggestion, they decide to hold Buhpu off without their executor. They fight with traps, tricks and magic circles, and it works—but at what price? Meanwhile, Muhyo and the rest aren't back on the surface long when Teeki finds them! Busujima uses the highly risky technique of Envoy Possession to hold him off while Muhyo tries to fuse his new Book of Magic Law with the Writ of Passage. Page goes back down to see what's become of Yoichi's team... and finds Enchu waiting for him.

Bobby

Former M.L.S. haunt released by Roji's Dagger of Absolving.

Isabi

A practitioner of forbidden magic law who turned himself into an envoy. He revealed the location of the Writ of Passage to Page.

Dramatis Personae

Jiro Kusano (Roji)

Assistant at Muhyo's office, recently promoted from the lowest rank of "Second Clerk" to that of (provisional) "First Clerk." Roji has a gentle heart and has been known to freak out in the presence of spirits. Lately, he has been devoting himself to the study of magic law so that he can pull his own weight someday.

Toru Muhyo (Muhyo)

Young, genius magic law practitioner with the highest rank of "Executor." Always calm and collected (though sometimes considered cold, Muhyo possesses a strong sense of justice and even has a kind side. Sleeps a lot to recover from the exhaustion caused by his practice.

Harumi Busujima

Executor and one of the only practitioners in the world capable of "remote magic law."

Yu Abiko (Biko)

Muhyo's classmate and an Artificer. Makes seals, pens, magic law books and other accoutrements of magic law.

Yoichi Himukai (Yoichi)

Judge and Muhyo's former classmate. Expert practitioner of all magic law except execution.

Page Klaus

Chief Investigator for the Magic Law Association. Yoichi's boss, and Muhyo and Enchu's former instructor.

Rio Kurotori (Rio)

Charismatic Artificer who turned traitor when the Magic Law Association stood by and let her mother die.

Soratsugu Madoka (Enchu)

Muhyo's former classmate and Executor-hopeful until one event turned him onto the traitor's path.

Umekichi Sasanoha

First clerk and Busujima's assistant. In his true envoy form, he is called Unryuso. "Umekichi" is his human-form alias.

Hanako Ebisu (Ebisu)

Judge and assistant to Goryo. Fired once, but has since been reinstated.

Daranimaru Goryo (Goryo)

Executor and former rival to Muhyo. When Ark captured him, it was Muhyo who came to the rescue.

Muhyo & Roji's

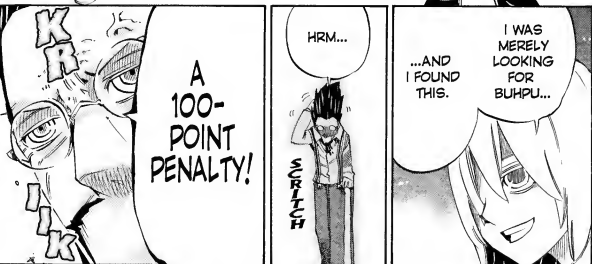
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ARTICLE 122
TEACHER & STUDENT





YOICHI...



YOU
SAY THAT
KNOWING
WHO LIES
HERE?



...?



HE WORKS
TIRELESSLY
ON THE
INVESTIGATION.



FOR TWO YEARS HE'S
GIVEN UP
STUDY AND
FREE TIME.



AND
WHAT
WERE
YOU
DOING?



FOR
YOU,
ENCHU.

V
Z
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FORGING
ROTTEN
FRIEND-
SHIPS.

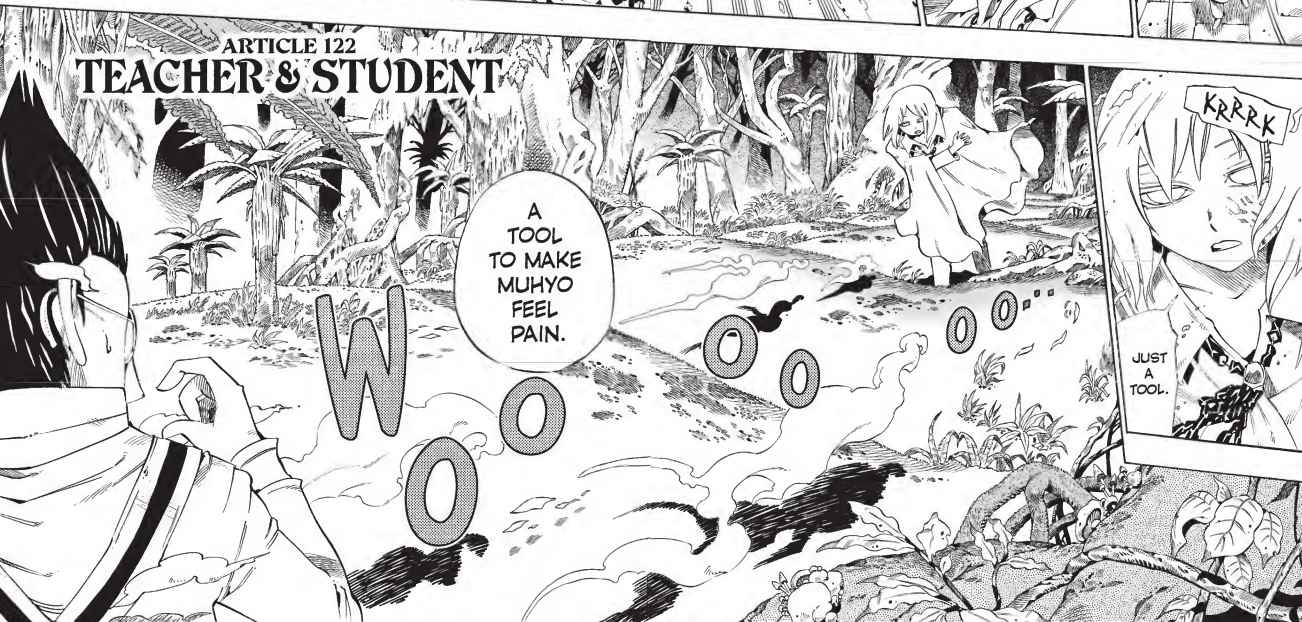
PLUNG-
ING THE
ASSOCI-
ATION
INTO
FEAR.







ARTICLE 122
TEACHER & STUDENT





AND HE SUMMONED IT HERE! WITH FORBIDDEN MAGIC!

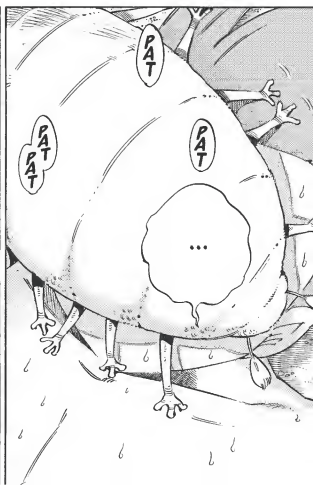
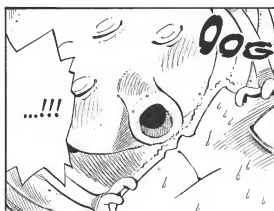


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...!!

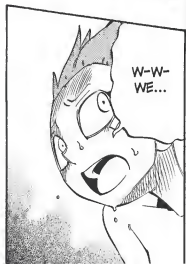
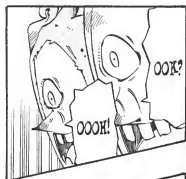


JUST RELAX,
EXECUTOR PAGE.
THERE'S PLENTY
OF TIME.











MY
CARRIAGE
IS AT
YOUR
SERVICE.

I
AM THE
DEMON-
HART
MAIDEN
Q-LA.

NNN!!

HUHP

MASTER
PAGE!

AAA...

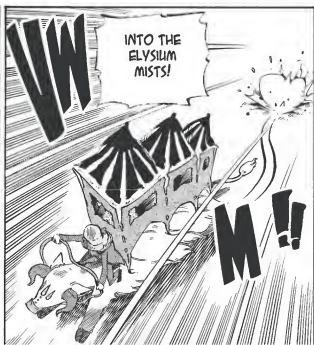
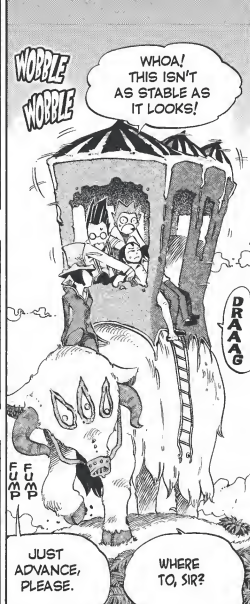
GAA...

THANKS
FOR YOUR
PATRON-
AGE.

JUST IN
TIME.

FWWW











ooo

...

ook.

VO

M



JUST
WHAT IS
ENVOY
POSSESSION?!

WHAT IT
SOUNDS
LIKE.

LOOK
HOW
STRONG
HE IS!



ZUD

ZUD

ZUD

ZUD

VWAA...M



THE SOUL OF
IRI, CAPTAIN OF
THE KNIGHTS
BELOW, IS
POSSESSING
UMEKICHI.



....!!

ALL
THEIR
POWER
P!?

THAT'S
WHY IT'S
FORBID-
DEN!



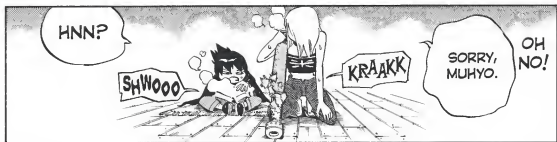
ZZUK

YET IT
IS NOT
WITHOUT
RISK.

BOTH ENVOY AND
EXECUTOR COULD
LOSE ALL THEIR
POWER.

ZZIK

ZZUK



HNN?

SHWOOO

KRAAKK

SORRY,
MUHYO.

OH
NO!



ZAK

OOH
HOO!

LOSE
FOCUS NOW,
AND YOU'LL
DIE.

WHAT'S THE
RUSH?



I COULD
HAVE DONE
THIS WITH
MICK, BUT
I WAS
WORRIED—

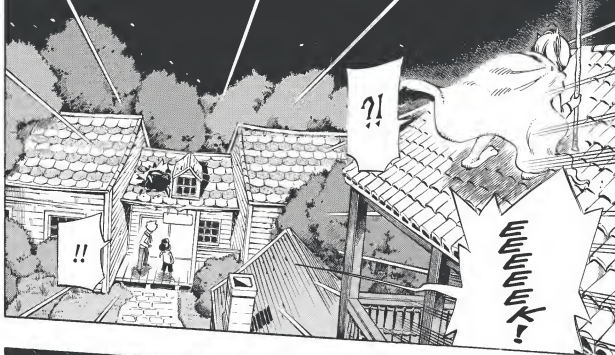
HA!
SHUT UP.

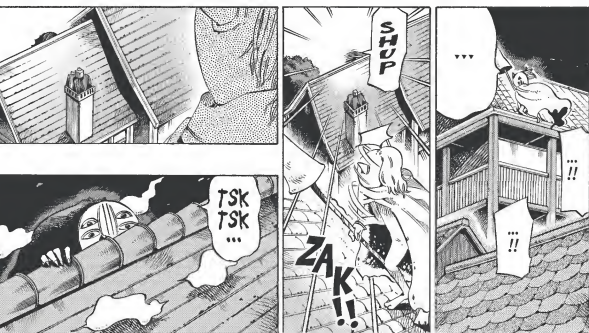
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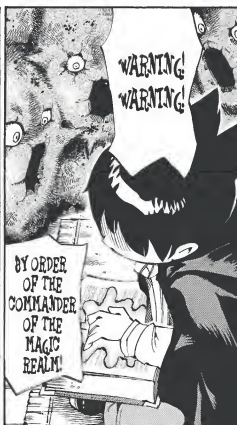


ARTICLE 123
THE KNIGHT











HUH?



VUH-
VUH-
VUH-
VUH...

VUH
...



TELL HIM
I DON'T
NEED HIS
ADVICE!!

I DON'T
CARE WHAT
HE'S THE
COMMANDER
OF!



I HAD NO
IDEA THIS
WAS SO...
SO BIG!

KRAK!!



THE
UNDER-
WORLD
SENT
ENVOYS
TO STOP
US!



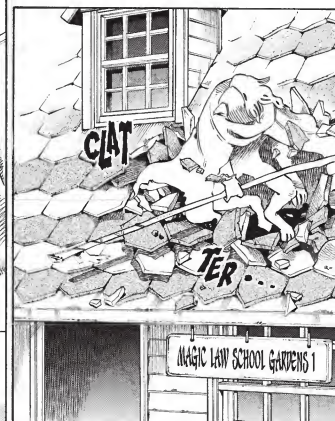
THEY'RE
GONE.



YOU
FOOL!

S
H
O
P!!

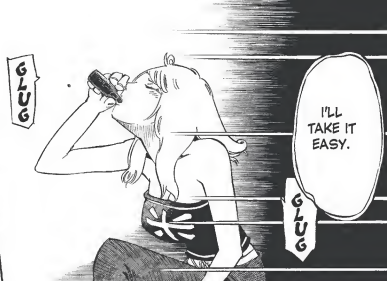
YEEEEEE!!













HERE
COMES
A BIG
ONE!

AS
LONG
AS I'M
ABLE.



OKAY.

BUT
I'LL
TAKE
THIS
ONE
TO
THE
LIMIT.



WINK



WHAT'S
SHE
THINKING
?!

S
H
H



KUSANO!

SHE'S
IN
BAD
SHAPE
...

!!



AH!

THAT
DRINK
SPED
UP HER
HEART
RATE!



SHE'S
BLEED-
ING
HEAVILY!

SHLOOP

NO...!!

EKORARO
KORORO?

(ARE YOU
READY?)

NEKORO-
SHIERI...

(CLOUD-
DRAGON...)

BOSS IS
RESORTING TO
LAST-MINUTE
MEASURES.

OH NO...

SHE WAS
ALREADY AT
HER LIMIT!

(SHE
COULD
BARELY
STAND
BEFORE!)

EKONEKOERO
KASHIAKOKOEO.
(YOU LIVE NOW BECAUSE
YOU HAVE BEEN
PROTECTED BEFORE.)

FURIROSHIAEKO
EROSHIAEGU.
(A KNIGHT IS
PREPARED TO DIE TO
PROTECT HIS
CHARGE.)

COURSE
I AM!

KORIROU
ROROE?
(ARE YOU
AFRAID?)

...PROTECTED...

I LIVE...

HE'S
GOT A
POINT.

YEAH.

HA
HA...

FURIROSHI EKOKOA.
(THAT IS THE
KNIGHT'S DUTY.)

KAMIEKORO
NERIERO.
(NOW USE IT
TO PROTECT.)

KAMIAKO
EKOEO.
(YOUR
LIFE WAS
PROTECTED.)

THEY
MAY
NOT
MAKE
IT!

IT'S
BUSUJIMA
AND
UMEKICHI,
MUHYO!

MUHYO
...

OH!

MUHYO
...!!

AKANeko!

(PREPARE
YOURSELF!)

ZA

WHAT'S
...

...THIS?

NG!!

SP

AK

YOU'RE
ABSOLUTELY
RIGHT.

YES.
YES!

??!

ZA

MASTER IRI!!

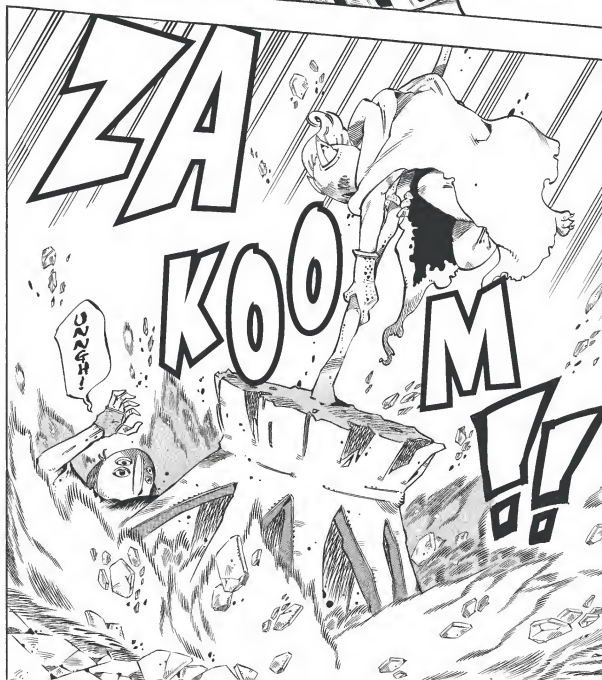
ZZZAK

IKARIPAPA
EKOKO!
(THORN-BROOM
OF THE
VALKALLAN
DEPTHS!)

ZIK

ZIK

EKORI
MEKORI!
(SCHOOL OF
THE
PROTECTOR'S
SPEAR!)





THERE ARE
BETTER
THINGS TO
DIE FOR
THAN THIS,
BUSUJIMA!



HEE HEE.



JUST NEED
TWO.



THREE
MINUTES
...
YOU GOT
THREE
MINUTES,
MUHYO!

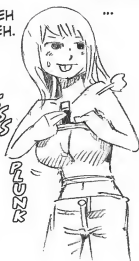
MAN,
I WISH
I WAS
THAT
DRINK.

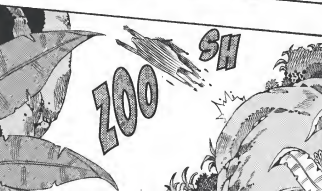


HEH
HEH.

ZZZ
ZZZ

NOW'S
MY
CHANCE
...







ARTICLE 124
**WHAT
MIGHT
HAVE
BEEN**

....!!!

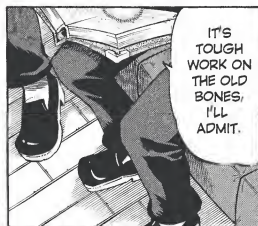
WHAT-
?

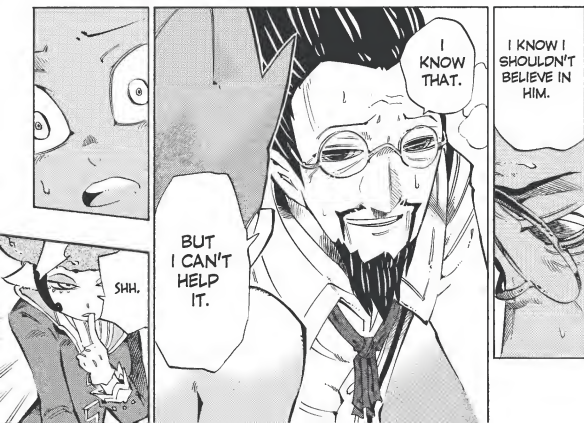
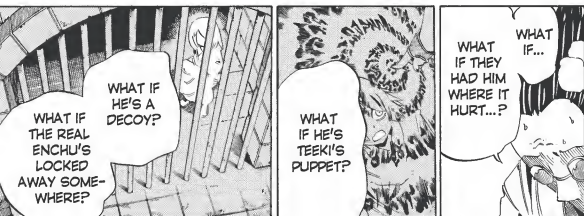
SADLY,
I'VE
BEEN
GIVEN
INSUFFICIENT
TEMPERING.

EXECUTOR
PAGE!!!

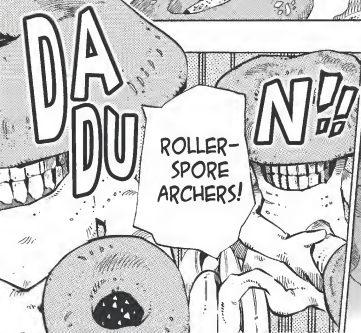
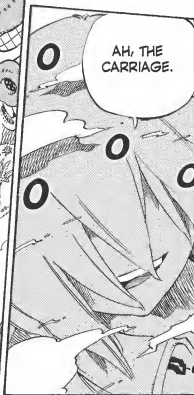
INSUFFI-
CIENT...?











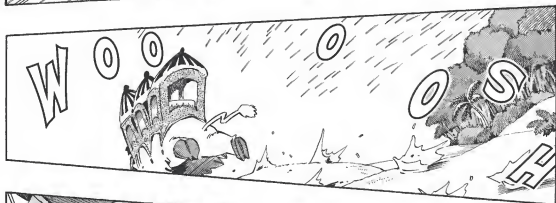
ROLLER-
SPORE
ARCHERS!

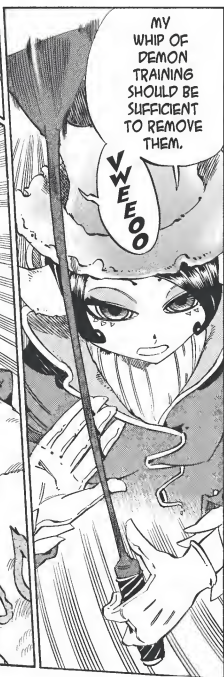


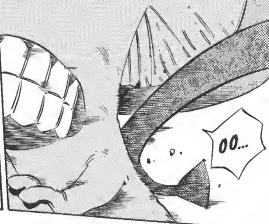
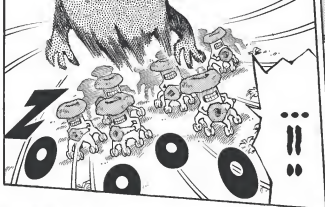
I
KNOW
THESE.



IT'S ENCHU!
WHAT'S THAT
WITH HIM?!







WHAT IS
IT THAT A
PROSPECTIVE
EXECUTOR
MUST HAVE
ABOVE
ALL
ELSE?



I HAVE A
QUESTION
FOR YOU.



NO
ANSWER?

HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN?

HUH?



HERE'S
A HINT—
"THINKING."



IT WAS
"THINKING"
THAT MADE
THE DIFFER-
ENCE.



...YOU CAN
IMAGINE THE
COMMITTEE'S
DISCUSSION.

WHEN
BOTH YOU
AND MUHYO
CAME
UP FOR CONSIDER-
ATION...

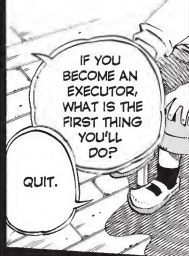






AND
THEN I'LL
TAKE A
NAP.

I'LL
SWITCH
WITH
ENCHU.



IF YOU
BECOME AN
EXECUTOR,
WHAT IS THE
FIRST THING
YOU'LL
DO?

QUIT.



WHAT...?

I'LL
QUIT.



COME
BACK
TO
US.

COME
BACK,
ENCHU.



IT'S "THINKING
OF OTHERS."

I'LL
TELL
YOU.



WANT
TO KNOW
THE AN-
SWER?





I'LL DO ANY-THING.



PLEASE. I NEED YOUR HELP.



I'M AFRAID MY CONTRACT IS UP



WAIT.

I'LL BE OFF THEN?



MAKE HIM SHUT UP.



THAT UN-GRATE-FUL WRETCH ...



YEAH!

ANY-THING?



DOESN'T HE SEE WHAT THEY'RE DOING FOR HIM?





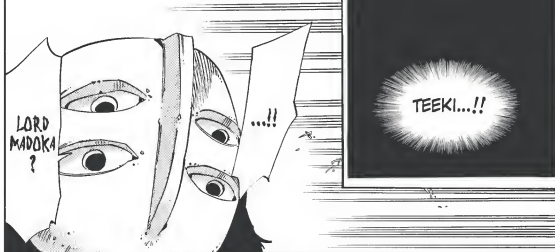
ZUKK...

AGH!!

BUT
REMEM-
BER—

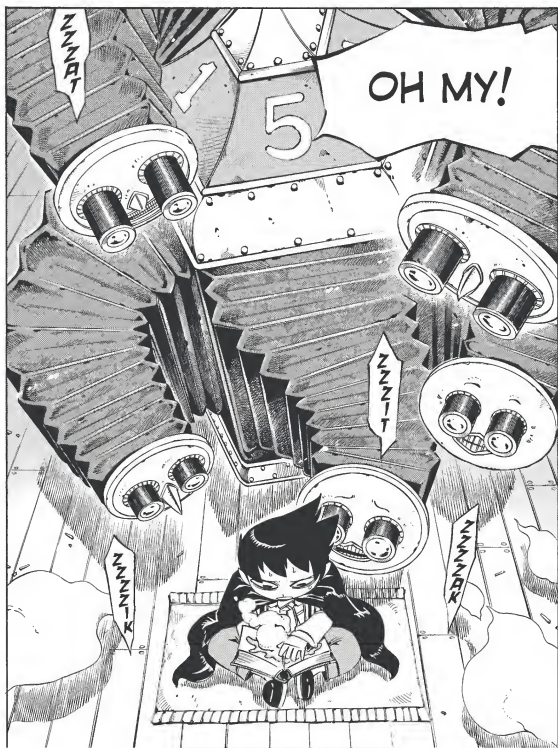
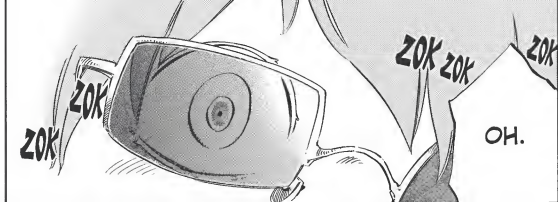
KAAAH

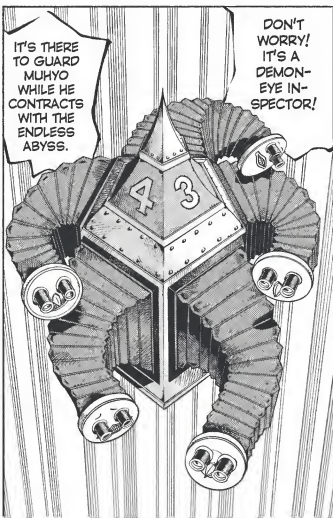
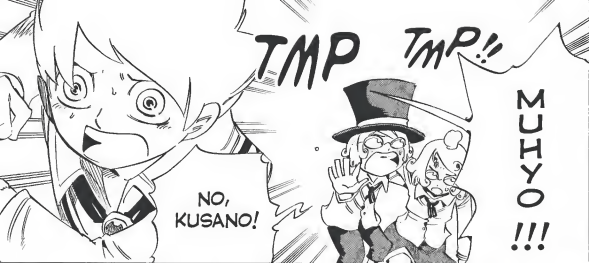
YOU SAID,
"ANYTHING"!

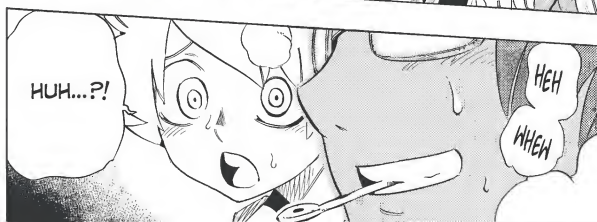


A7: I START BY THINKING ABOUT THE CHARACTER'S PERSONALITY, THEN I FIND SOMETHING THAT SOUNDS RIGHT. SOMETIMES IT JUST WON'T COME TO ME, AND IT TAKES FOREVER...

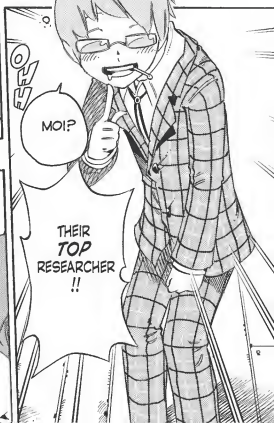
















BUT
WHY? AND
WHY CAN'T I
REMEMBER...?



I KNOW
HE'S
DANGER-
OUS!



DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND
?

....!!

DON'T
YOU SEE
HOW
AMAZING
THIS
IS?

THIS IS...
THIS IS
GODLIKE!!

WE
CAN'T
TRUST
THIS
MAN!



WHY,
OH
WHY?



TSK.

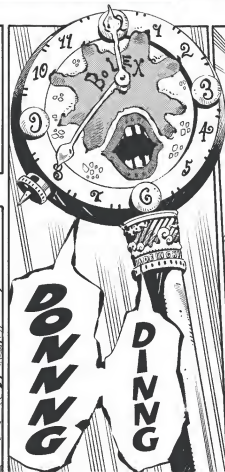


THAT
FOOL.

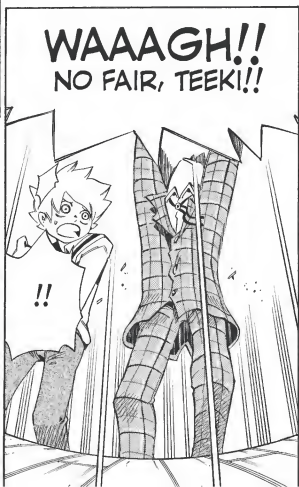
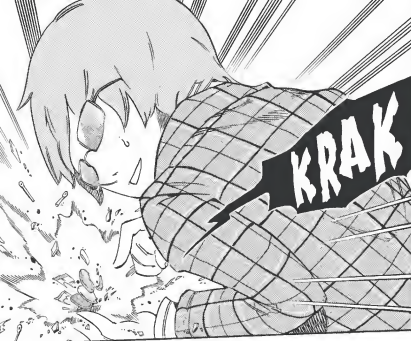
TSK
TSK
TSK
...

KR
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LET'S
ALL DIE.
TOGETHER.

WAIT.
I KNOW.

ZUKK...

ZIKK...

ZZZZ...



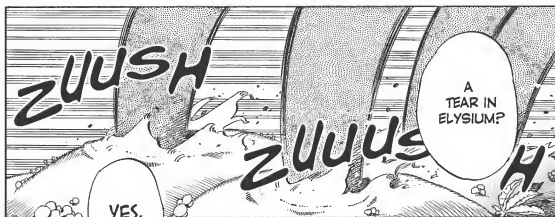


HE'S
GOING TO
TRANSMIT
HIS CURSE!

STOP
HIM!



I'LL HOLD HIM AS LONG AS I CAN!





DONNN...

DON...

LET'S GET
OUT OF HERE
OURSELVES.

WHEW...
THEY'RE
GONE.



AND GET
THIS BUNCH
TO THEM
QUICK!

GOTTA
FIND THE
OTHERS.



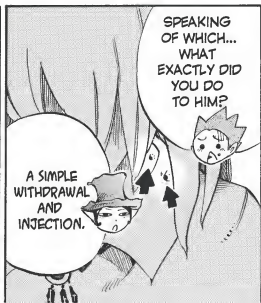
DO NOT
FORGET
YOUR
PROMISE.



OH... HUH?
RIGHT.

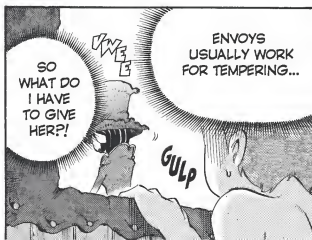


I WON'T ASK
OF WHAT
AND WHAT.

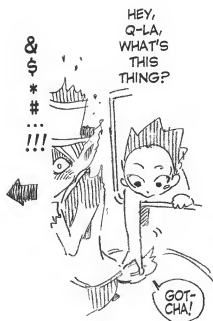


SPEAKING
OF WHICH...
WHAT
EXACTLY DID
YOU DO
TO HIM?

A SIMPLE
WITHDRAWAL
AND
INJECTION.

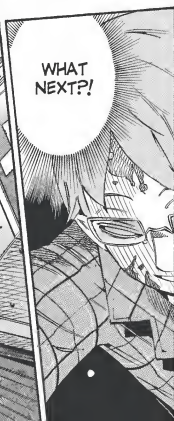
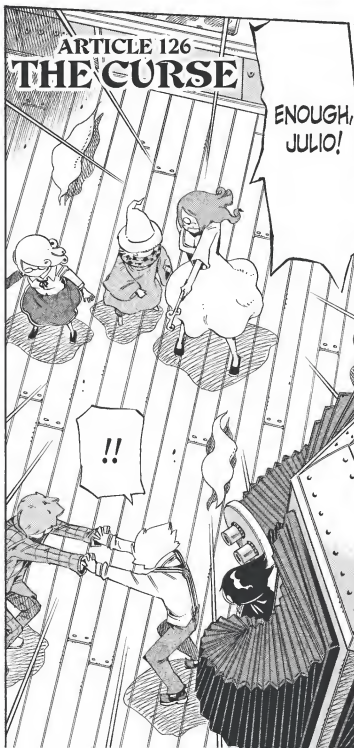








ARTICLE 126
THE CURSE









WE'RE
ALL GOING
TO DIE
ANYWAY.



HEH.

ZAT



SO
WHAT?

WONK



HE USES
TRANSFOR-
MATIVE
FORBIDDEN
MAGIC LAW.

I
KNOW.



YEAH!
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

WHERE'S
THE LIVELY
LADDIE OF
A MOMENT
AGO?

WHAT'S
THIS
NOW?!



THOSE
WHO
USE HER
POWER
BECOME
LAZY
LIKE
HER!

SHE'S
KNOWN
TO BE
SLOTHFUL,
EVEN BY
HADES'
STANDARDS.

HE'S FORMED
A SOUL-
CONTRACT
WITH THE
SORCEROR-
ENVOY, THE
RED WITCH!



I WENT INTO WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT MY CANDY, SEE. ALWAYS HAVE.



I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE.



ODD. WHY WOULD YOU CHOOSE SUCH AN ENVOY?



SO TEEKI DID A LITTLE HYPNOTISM TO MAKE MY WITHDRAWAL TRIGGER SOME VERY INTERESTING MAGIC LAWS.



TEEKI TOLD ME TO, SO I DID.



AH HA HA HA!



HE DOESN'T CONTROL YOUR HEART LIKE HE DID MINE. WHY DON'T YOU RESIST?



BUT THAT DOESN'T EXPLAIN IT!

...?



BUT ME...

NO...

YOU WERE STUBBORN. HE NEEDED LEVERAGE ON YOU.



I'M RE-
SIGNED
TO MY
FATE.



WE'VE
GOT
....!



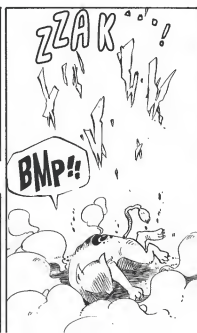
GUYS
...



....!!

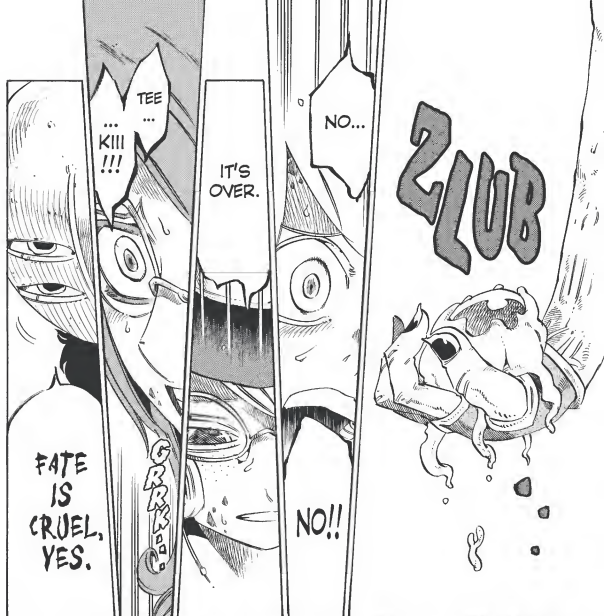


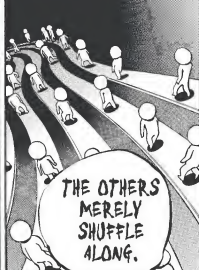
YAAARGH!

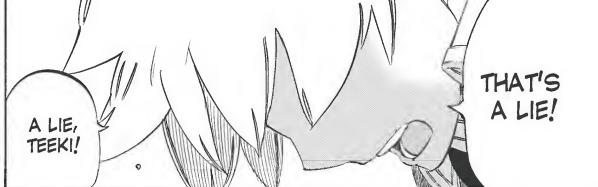












A LIE,
TEEKI!

THAT'S
A LIE!



NO...

HUH...?!

IT...
IT WASN'T
MEANING-
LESS.



RZT-
RZT-
RZT-
RZT

I
WON'T
BELIEVE
IT!

SNAP

I...
I
WON'T!





HEE
HEE.
NICE
GOING,
ROJI.

PERHAPS
I'LL GO
TOSS
THIS
INTO
THE
OCEAN.



IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
WHAT
WE DO
NOW!

TOO
BAD THE
FUSION
FAILED.



THAT
WASN'T
JUST
ROJI.

THAT
WAS
THEIR
AROROP-
ATHY.



HNN?

MUHYO!

VWIP

IT'S NICE
TO BE ABLE
TO MOVE
AGAIN.



I DON'T
BELIEVE
IT!

'TIS OVER!



YOU...



WE
HAVE TO
RETREAT!



NO,
TEACH.
IT WON'T
DO ANY
GOOD.



TSK TSK TSK...
YOU THINK A
COMMON BOOK
IS ENOUGH TO
DEFEAT ME?



BUT,
MUHYO
...
THE FUSION
...



IDIOTS.



WHEN I SAID
"TWO MINUTES"...

...I MEANT I'D *FINISH*
THIS IN TWO MINUTES!



WHO SAID
THE FUSION
WOULD TAKE
TWO MINUTES?

WOBBLE



NOT
ME.



BUT
YOU HAVE
FAILED—

GRAB

SPAK



THE
FUSION'S
DONE.

I WAS
THROUGH
WITH THAT
A WHILE
AGO.

BUT THE
WRIT IS
HERE!

TSK
TSK TSK.
A FINE
SHOW OF
BRAVADO.

YOU'RE
HOLDING
AN EMPTY
SHELL.

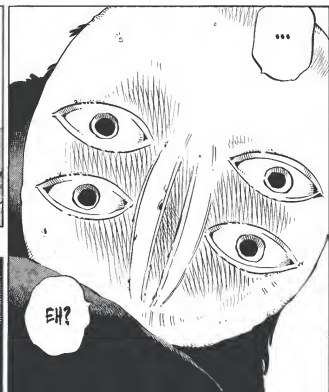
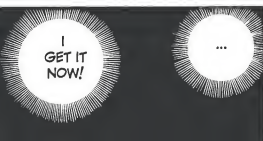
WRIT?

TSK
TSK TSK.
ANOTHER
BOLD
TRY.



Muhyo & Roji's
Bureau of Supernatural Investigation
BSI

ARTICLE 127 HADES





THAT
WAS ALL
BECAUSE
THE
FUSION
WAS
DONE!



...AND
THE UNAU-
THORIZED
USE OF
CURSES...



THE IN-
SPECTOR
CLOSING
...



FOR THE
CRIMES OF
EXCESSIVE
UNAUTHO-
RIZED
LINGERING
...



THAT
CLOCK
...



...AND
REPEATED
USE OF
RESURRECTIVE
MAGIC...

IT'S
COMPLETE
!!



THE
BOOK'S
DONE.



THE
MOST
POWERFUL
BOOK
EVER!



...!
SENTENCE
YOU TO
HADES!
ADVENT!

ARTICLE 127
HADES



ZUNK

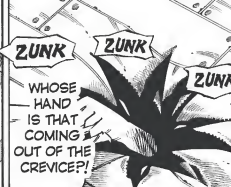
THIS
FEAR...
I CAN
HARDLY
BREATHE!

ZUNK



ZUNK

IS
THAT
...?!



ZUNK

WHOSE
HAND
IS THAT
COMING
OUT OF THE
CREVICE?!

ZUNK

ZUNK



HOW

UNFOR-
TUNATE.



I'M
OUT!
ALL
DONE!
BYE!



ME,
CURSE
HADES?
NO
THANKS!



JULI...
O... A
CURSE.



URI.
(YEP.)

NO NO
...!

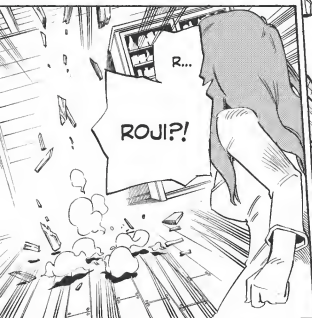
NOT
YET!

URIEROA.
(THAT'S
THE ONE.)



AROU?
(THIS HIM?)

SHUP...



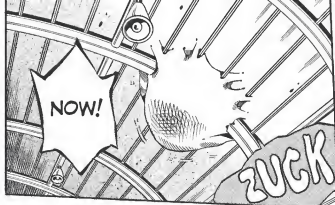
THERE
ARE
STILL
GHOSTS
ABOUT.

M.L.S. GYMNASIUM

PLEASE
DO NOT
LEAVE
THE
GYM.











I'M
TAKING
THIS ONE
WITH
ME...



WHA—



IT
CAN'T
BE!

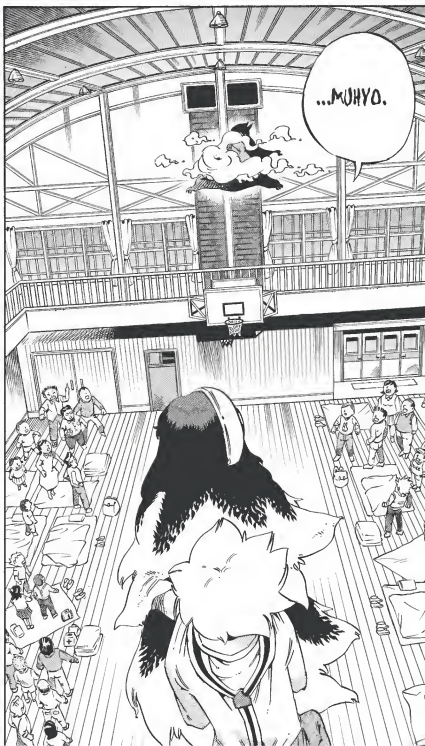


HEE HEE.
NOT IF
I CAN
HELP IT.



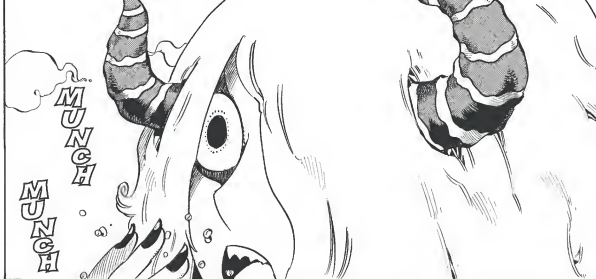
"NEITHER
THE HEIGHT
OF A MAN
NOR THE
VESTMENTS
OF A
KING."

THE
ANCIENT
BOOKS
TELL OF
THIS ONE!



...MUHYO.





ARE YOU
DONE YET?

BECAUSE
IT'S OVER.

YOU
DON'T
WANT
HIM
TO
DIE!

DO
YOU?

FEH.
LAME.

A TEAM!
WE CAN
BE A
TEAM! I'LL
TEACH YOU
HOW TO
RESURRECT
YOURSELF!

GASP

WAH
...

WA HA HA!
AND YET YOU
WANT YOUR
FRIEND TO
LIVE!

HOROWA.
(ASHES TO
ASHES.)

Fwooo

ROU.
(TOO BAD.)

FWISH...



ZA

DOOD!!

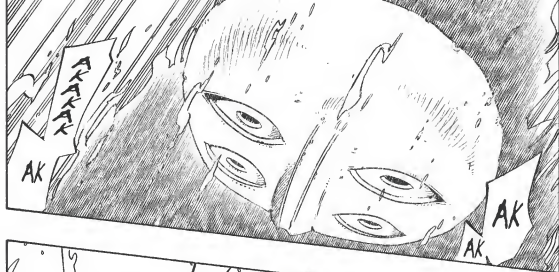
NG!!

HUH...?

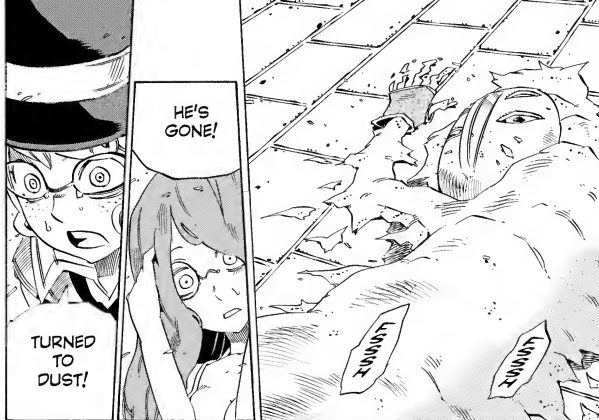
NN...

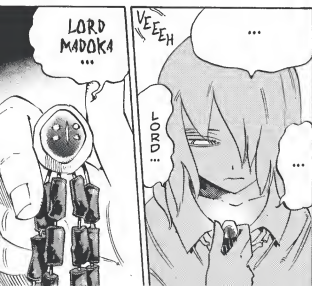
NO!

SARK

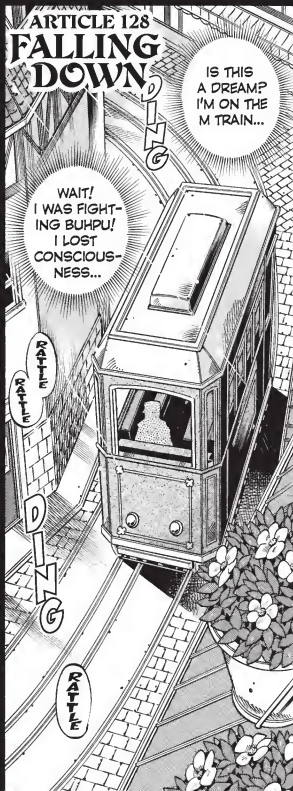
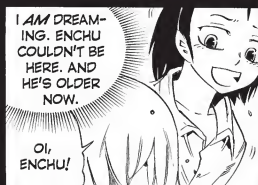


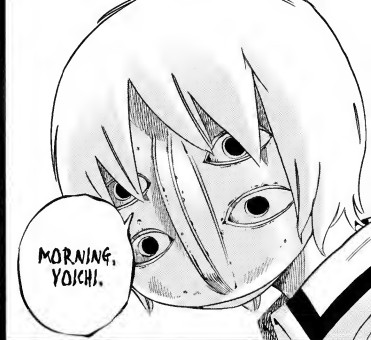


















I GUESS
I LET MY
GUARD
DOWN.

THINGS
WERE GOING
SO WELL...

K!!



WHO
DID
THAT TO
YOU?!

HEH
HEH.

!!!



THAT
VOICE!!!

SOUNDS
LIKE
YOU'RE
ALL HERE.



...

IT'S MY
FAULT
REALLY.

TCH.

ZUK!!

ZLURK

BWRUK!

BWEE...

WE ALL
FAILED.



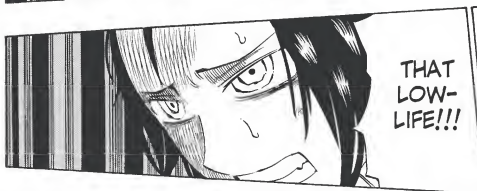
WHAT?!
WHAT
HAP-
PENED?



FOR
SOME
REASON
...



TSK
TSK.



THAT
LOW-
LIFE!!!

IT
WASN'T
A DREAM
AFTER
ALL.



WHAT'S
WITH THE
LAME
MASK?

THOUGHT
YOU HAD
BETTER
TASTE,
ENCHU.



MUHYO
...?

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?



WELL
NOW
...





I NEEDED A STRONG BODY.

I WOULD TAKE ANY OF THEM.

IMAGINE MY JOY AT DISCOVERING SUCH FINE VESSELS.

IT WAS SIX YEARS AGO...

AND I WAS WEAK. SO I WAITED.

BUT THEY HAD A PROTECTOR.

...WHEN I FOUND THEM.

ONLY THEN COULD I HURT THE ASSOCIATION.

I
NEEDED A
STRONG
BODY.

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AND I WAS WEAK. SO I WAITED.

BUT THEY HAD A PROTECTOR.

...WHEN I FOUND THEM.

THE TIME CAME SOONER THAN I'D DARED HOPE.

AFFIRMATION!
EXECUTOR MUNDON!
CELEBRATION OF

DARKNESS CALLS TO DARKNESS.



YOU
KNOW,
DON'T
YOU?



LONG
ENOUGH.

HOW LONG
HAVE YOU
KNOWN
I WAS
HERE?

VWURP...



THIS
JEALOUSY...
TOWARD
MUHYO!

YOU KNOW
HOW I CAN
STOP THIS
PAIN.

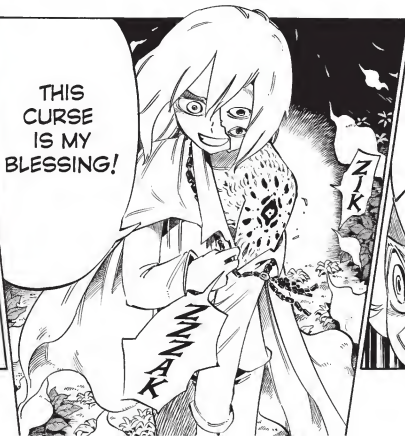


GWIP

HEE
HEE.



...



THIS
CURSE
IS MY
BLESSING!

!!

Z
K

NNNN
K



THE ONLY WAY TO
REMOVE THE CURSE
IS TO KILL TEEKI.



I HAD
ASKED
HIM TO
USE ME TO
RESURRECT
HIMSELF.



HEH HEH.
TOO BAD,
MUHYO.



BUT WAIT,
YOU CAME
TO SAVE
ME, DIDN'T
YOU?



KILL
TEEKI
AND
I DIE.



HEE HEE.



EVERY PASSING
MOMENT BRINGS
US DEEPER.



IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
RUN, YOU'D
BEST RUN
NOW.



ANY
IDEA
WHOSE
SKULL
THIS IS?



OH,
ENCHU.
STILL A
CHILD,
I SEE.



DIDN'T
YOU
THINK
THE
TIMING
WAS A
LITTLE
TOO
MUCH?



IDIOT.
NO WONDER
YOU DIDN'T
MAKE
EXECUTOR.



SO?



ISN'T
THAT
TEEKI?



HUH?

WAIT...



OUR
GRADUATION
AND YOUR
MOTHER'S
DEATH WERE
PERFECTLY
TIMED.



WHY
DID TEEKI
CHOOSE
US TO
WATCH?

THINK.

YOU
EVER
SEE THE
BODY?

CONVE-
NIENT,
YOU
GETTING
THAT
TELEGRAM
RIGHT
THEN.

THINK
ABOUT
IT.



EACH
CONTEST
BRINGS
THEM
CLOSER...



WHEN
THE TWO
STRON-
GEST
COMPETE
...

...THEY
BOTH
GROW
STRON-
GER.



WAIT
...

I
GET
IT!



...AND WAITED
FOR HIS
CHANCE TO
GRAB ONE
OF US.



HE PAIRED
US UP, LET
US FIGHT...



HM,
TEEKI?



THAT
ABOUT
RIGHT?



ENCHU'S
MOM?

MUHYO,
YOU DON'T
MEAN—



SHE WAS THE
TRIGGER THAT
SET THE WHOLE
THING OFF.

I DO
MEAN.



NO
...

IT'S
A LIE
...

LOOM

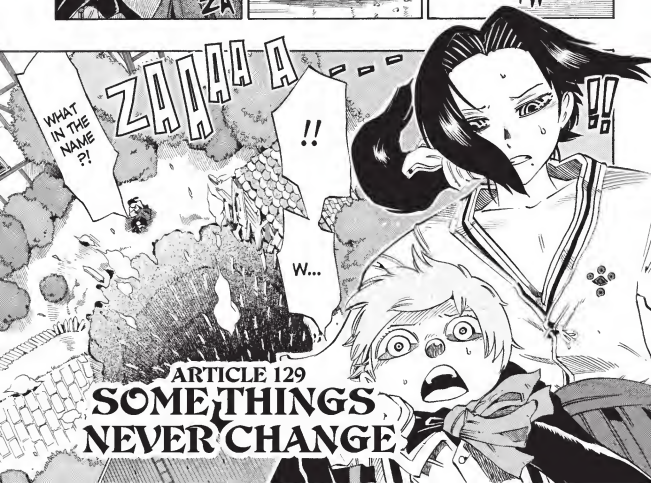
BETCHA
THAT COFFIN'S
LYING EMPTY
RIGHT NOW.

YOU
MUST HAVE
BEEN PRETTY
DESPERATE
TO CHOOSE A
LAYPERSON.

TSK TSK TSK.
A FANCIFUL TALE.
BUT YOU HAVE
NO PROOF!







ARTICLE 129

SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE

IT'S
THE
ABYSS
!!

THEY
DIDN'T
FALL IN
THERE, DID
THEY?!

...WHATEVER'S
GOING ON
DOWN THERE
IS A BIT
OUT OF OUR
LEAGUE.

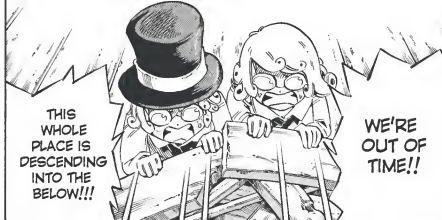
I'M
AFRAID
...

THEY'RE FAR
DOWN THERE,
BUT THEY'RE
FIGHTING.

...?
WHAT'S
THAT
LIGHT?

DON'T
FRET,
PIGGY.
LOOK
CLOSER.

?!



THIS
WHOLE
PLACE IS
DESCENDING
INTO THE
BELOW!!!

WE'RE
OUT OF
TIME!!



!!



POWER
ALONE ISN'T
GOING
TO BE
ENOUGH!

...



IF
YOU'RE
GOING
TO SAVE
ENCHU...

...BETTER
DO IT
NOW!!!



WE'VE
ONLY GOT
A FEW
MINUTES!

AFTER
THAT,
WE ALL
DIE!!



PULL
HIM
AWAY
BEFORE
THEY
FUSE!

GOT
IT?

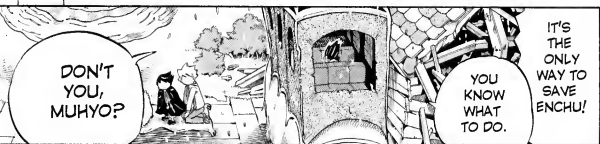
YOU
HAVE TO
PULL
TEEKI
AWAY!

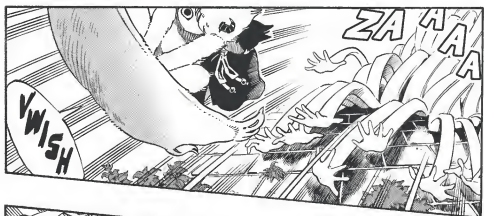


THERE'S
ONLY
ONE WAY
TO SAVE
HIM!

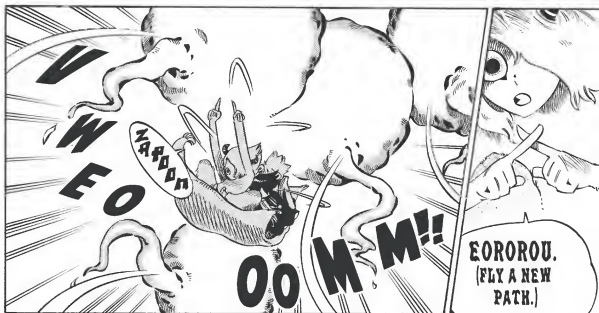
EVERY-
ONE
OKAY?!

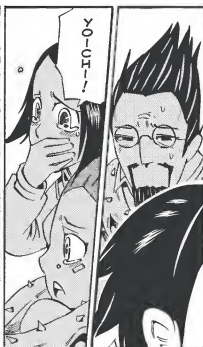
THAT'S
RIGHT, THIS
WAY. GOOD
CHILD.

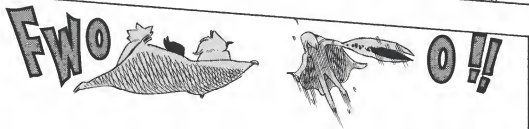


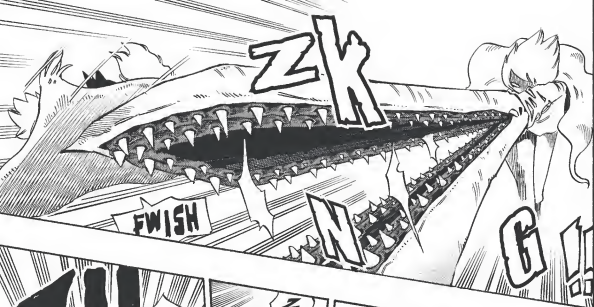














MAMA
WAS
...
SHE
WAS
SICK!

MA-
MA
...

IT
...
CAN'T
...

?

LORD
MADO-
KA?

ZU
K
K

MR
MR
MR
NO
...
YOU
LIE!

MA-
MA
...?

SEED
?!



WRONG.

SHE
STILL
HAD LIFE
IN HER.

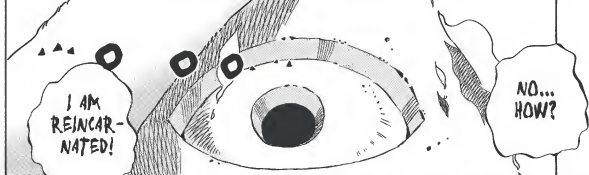
STOP...

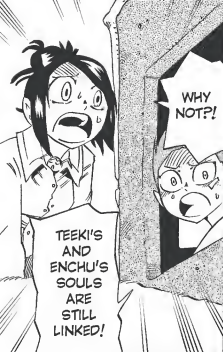
THAT
IS...

YOU'RE
LYING!

...IF
TEEKI
HADN'T
KILLED
HER!







TEEKI'S
AND
ENCHU'S
SOULS
ARE
STILL
LINKED!

WHY
NOT?!



BECAUSE
YOU
CAN'T!



DAT DAT DAT

DAT DAT

TSK
TSK
...!!!

NOT GOING
TO HAVE
HADES KILL
ME, MUHYO?



IF HE
KILLS
TEEKI
NOW,
ENCHU'LL
...



ZUUN

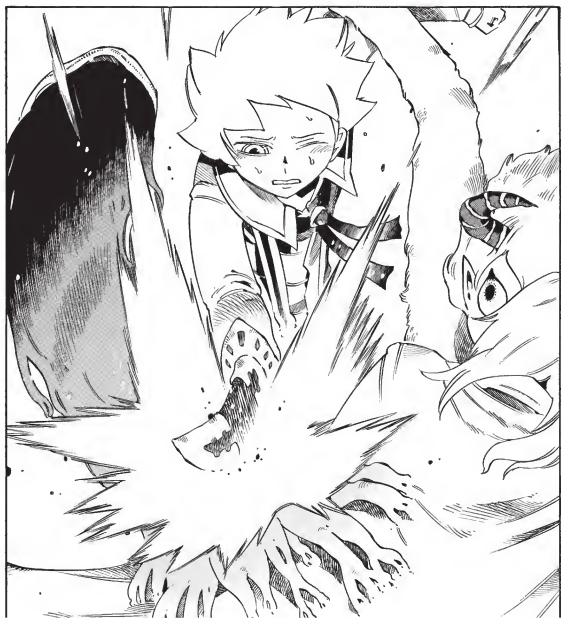


YOU'RE
RIGHT.
I CAN'T.

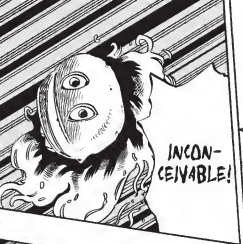
PLUS, MUHYO WAS BETTING
ON SOMETHING ELSE...



BOBBY BELIEVED IN THE DAGGER...
AND IN ME!









ARTICLE 130
**THE LONG
NIGHTMARE**

UU...

UAA...



ARTICLE 130
**THE LONG
NIGHTMARE**

FURORO.
(COME.)

H!!

VS

AROROURO.
(I WILL
SHOW YOU.)



ETERNAL
SUFFERING?



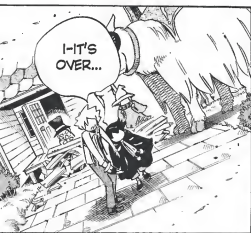
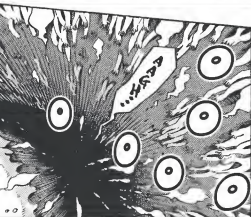
FO
O
F
THAT
SOUNDS
JUST ABOUT
PERFECT.



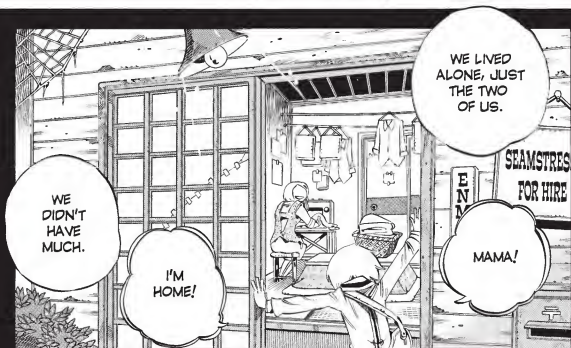
...URIERO!
[...OF ETERNITY!]

NO
...

ERUSHIIRO...
[LEARN THE TRUE
MEANING...]









HUHP
BIKO?

ENCHU!
I FIXED
YOUR
PEN!

HNNK
?!

BUT
I LIKE
YOU
MORE,
MAMA.

AH
HA HA.

AW...

I WAS
PERFECTLY
HAPPY WITH THE
WAY THINGS
WERE.



GOOD
OL'
BIKO.

HEH
HEH.

YOU
GO TO
BED
TOO
EARLY!

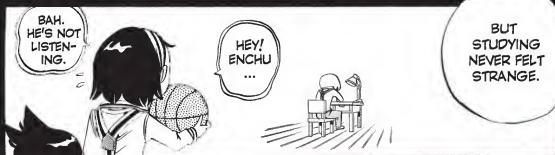
IDIOT!

SOME-
TIMES, I'D
FORGET
ABOUT
HOME.

WE'RE
SLEEPIN'
HERE.

C'MON,
BIKO!

IT FELT
STRANGE
TO LAUGH.



BAH.
HE'S NOT
LISTEN-
ING.

HEY!
ENCHU
...

BUT
STUDYING
NEVER FELT
STRANGE.



MAMA
NEEDS
MEDICINE.

I NEED
TO STUDY.

MUHYO,
TO THE
FRONT.

SWISH

— I NEED TO BECOME
AN EXECUTOR! —

NO
WAY!
YOU?

HUB

BUB

I STARTED
TO WORRY.

WOW!

HEY...

VW

ON

HEY...

HEY...

I
WORK MY
FINGERS
TO THE
BONE,
AND
HE...
HE...

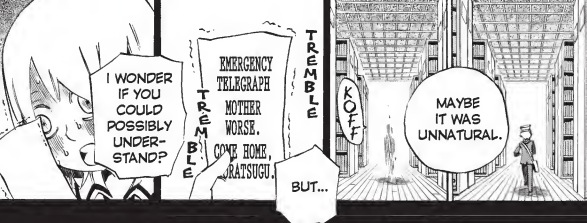
MUHYO
!!!

MOTHER
WAS
FADING.

EVEN
THOUGH
I STUDIED
TWICE AS
HARD...

...MUHYO
JUST GOT
FURTHER AND
FURTHER
AHEAD.

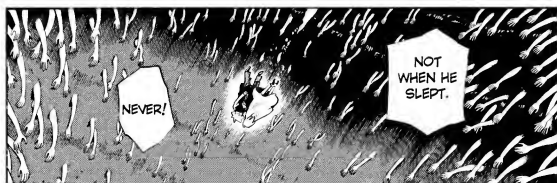
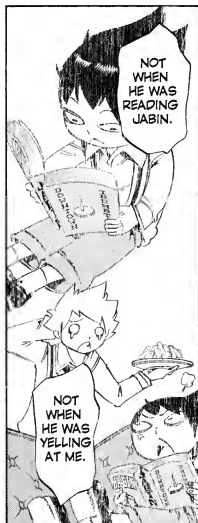
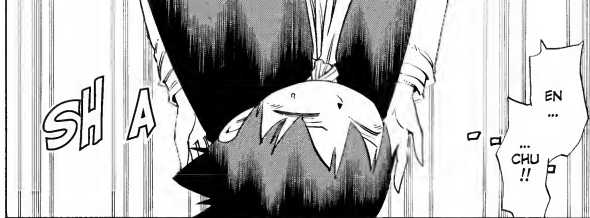






...IF I KNOW PAIN! ASK ME...







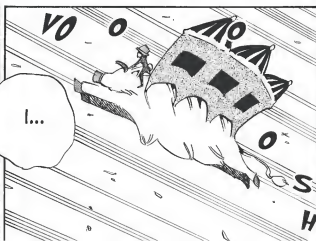
HE NEVER
FORGOT YOU!

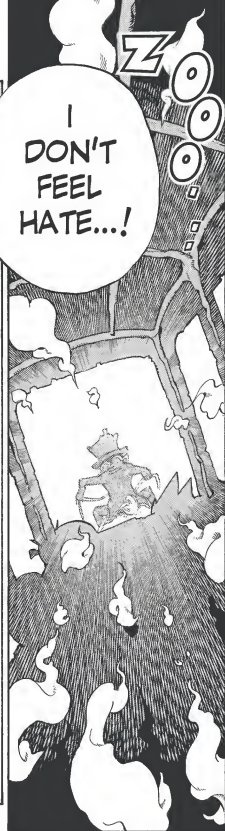


NOT
EVEN
ONCE!









EVEN WHEN WE'RE LEFT ALONE, WE'RE NOT ALONE.



SO.

ENCHU MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT HE WAS ALONE.



HOW WAS IT?

PRETTY
LONG
NIGHT-
MARE,
HUH?

BUT THEY WERE WITH HIM ALL ALONG.



SINCE
THE VERY
BEGINNING.



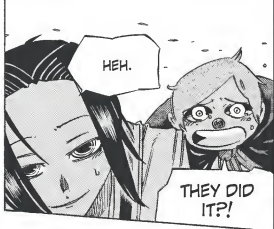
THEY ALWAYS
WERE.



MU
...
HYO
...







ARTICLE 131 CRIME AND PUNISHMENT



BYE,
TEEKI.

THREE DAYS LATER

IT'S OVER.



DEATHS: O!! P!

WHAT?!
NO
WAY!!

ZING
YORATSUGA

WOOSH
WOOSH
WOOSH

ZSH

ENCHU'S
GETTING
THE DEATH
SENTENCE
?!

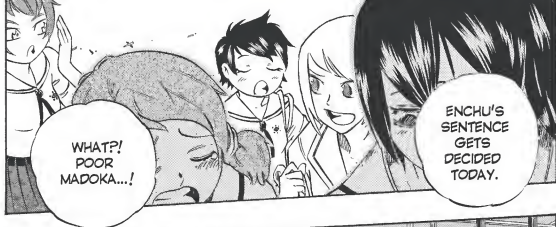
!!

THAT'S
JUST
WHAT THE
ASSOCIATION
WANTS!

IT'S
NOT
SET IN
STONE!

MAD-
NESS!

ALL-
STAR
TONES



WHAT?!
POOR
MADOKA...!

ENCHU'S
SENTENCE
GETS
DECIDED
TODAY.



DONG DONG

DID YOU
HEAR
ABOUT
THEM?

THEY
TOOK
DOWN
TEEKI!

AND
HADES
WAS—



NO
CASUALTIES
IS GOOD,
BUT STILL...

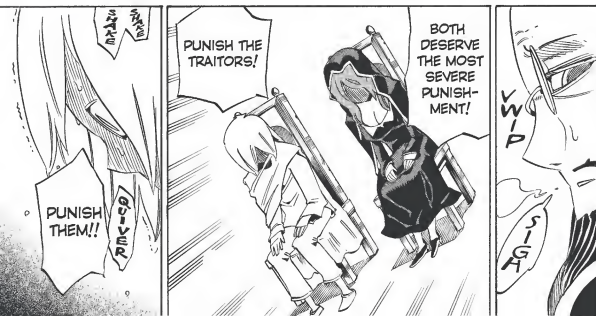
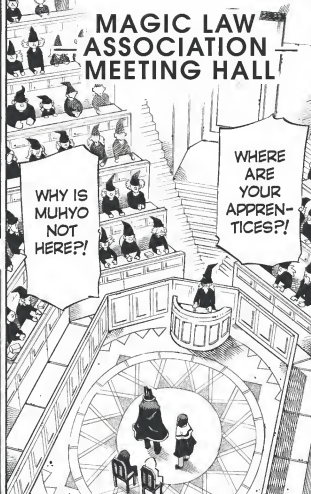


WHY
DOES THIS
INVOLVE
US?

'CAUSE THE
ASSOCIATION'S
PART OF IT,
LOOK—

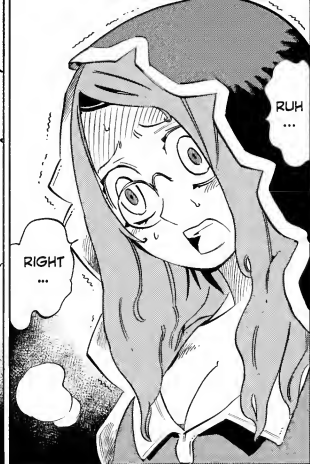
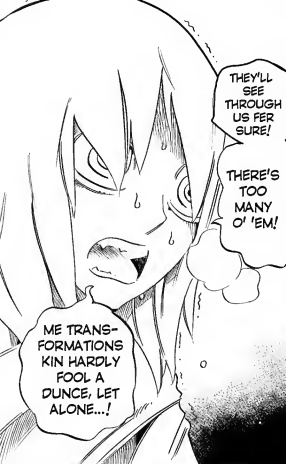
ASSOCIATION, PAGE KLAUS IN STANDUP













WE ONLY JUST MADE IT.



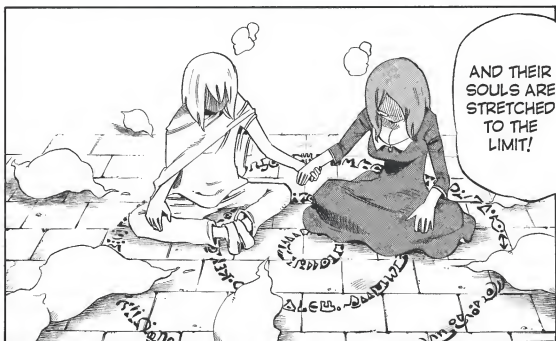
! SORRY, ROJI.

THERE WAS SO MUCH TO DO... WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME.



AGHH
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?!!

HE'S HUGE!
ACK!



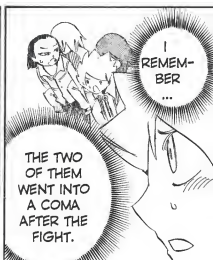
AND THEIR SOULS ARE STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT!



THEY HAD TO BREAK THEIR CONTRACTS.

THE FORBIDDEN MAGIC LAW HAD WORN AWAY THEIR SOULS.

THEY NEEDED TO SLEEP.



I REMEMBER ...

THE TWO OF THEM WENT INTO A COMA AFTER THE FIGHT.





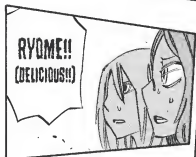


WHA...



HEE HEE.
MASTER OF THE
BLACKFLAME
LIZARDS AND
A THOUSAND
OTHERS...









ARO.

HOPE
THOSE
SOULS
WERE
TASTY.

ZUP

PHUT
PHUT

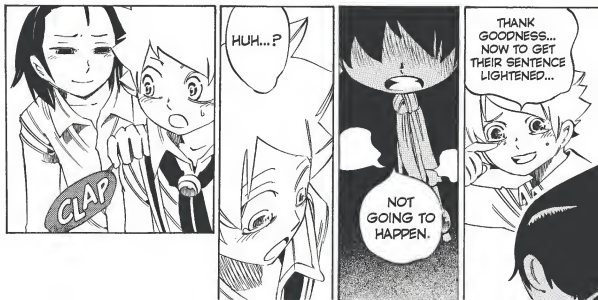
RI...
YQ.

YQ...

SSO

P!!

FOR ALL
THE GOOD
THEY DID
YOU!





...THERE IS A
PUNISHMENT.

FOR
EVERY
CRIME...



THAT DAY,
ENCHU WAS
SENTENCED.

HE WILL
ACCEPT
HIS SEN-
TENCE.

BUT...
BUT
THEY...



...HIS
WISH.



IT
IS...



NO
PAROLE.

I FEEL
A LOT
BETTER.

THANK
YOU,
MUHYO.



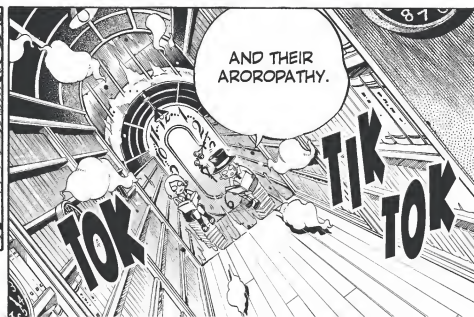
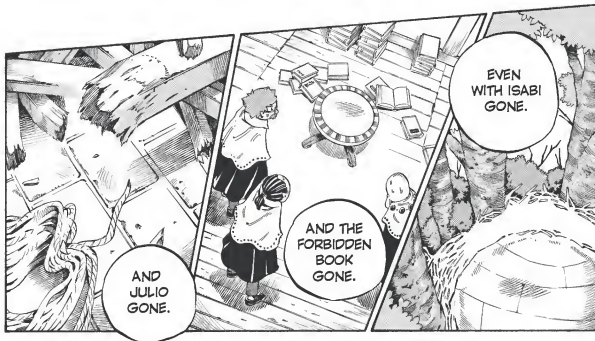
LIFE
IMPRISON-
MENT IN THE
ARCANUM.

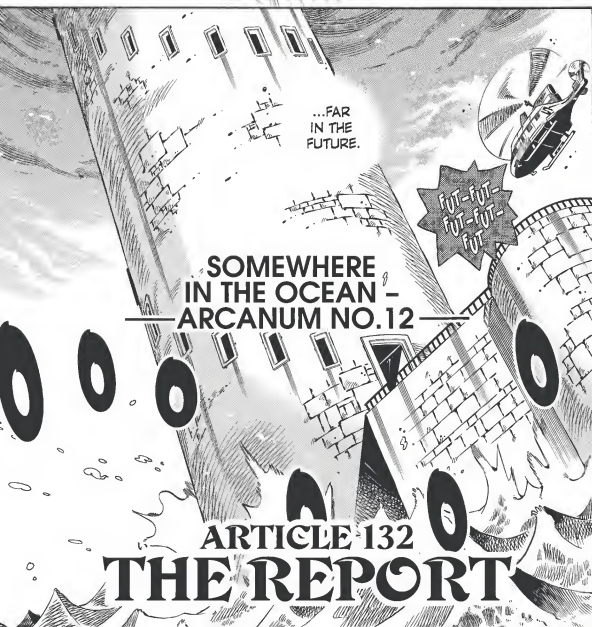


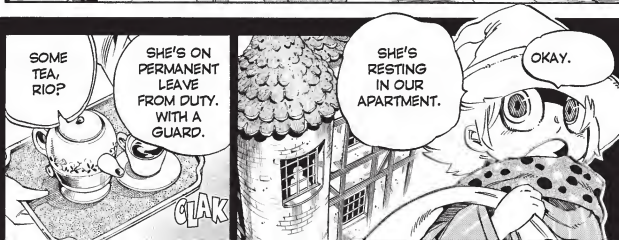


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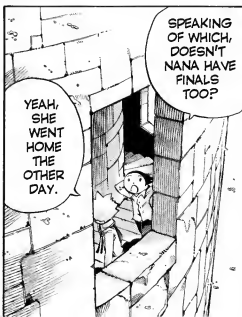
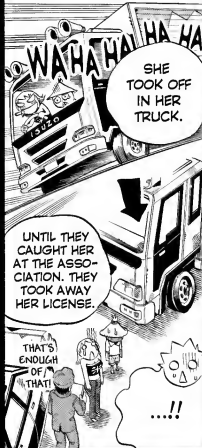














SO LONG!! ~

SEVEN-
FACED
DOG
AND
KIRIKO
LEFT...

OH,
BUT...

W THANKS FER THE
MEMORIES, LADDIE!



AND SO
WE EACH
GO OUR
SEPARATE
WAYS...

SHE
SAID
TO SAY
"BYE" TO
EVERY-
ONE
FOR HER.



SO
WHY...?

ISN'T
Q-LA
PAGE'S
ENVOY?



AND
THERE'S
CERTAINLY
A BLOOD
PACT
GOING
ON.

WELL,
I GUESS
THERE
WAS A
SWITCH OF
OWNER-
SHIP.



I'M
KINDA
JEALOUS...

B-B-
BLOOD
?!

HEE
HEE.

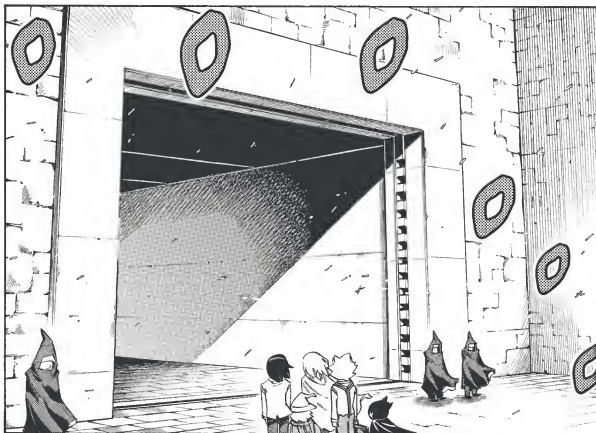
GULP

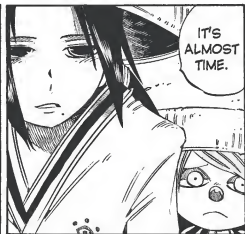
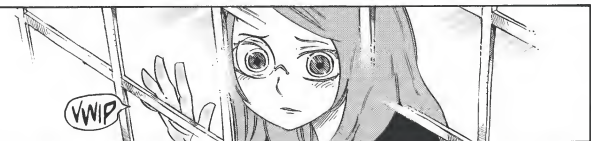


THAT
STILL
LEAVES
ONE
AROUND.

YEAH.

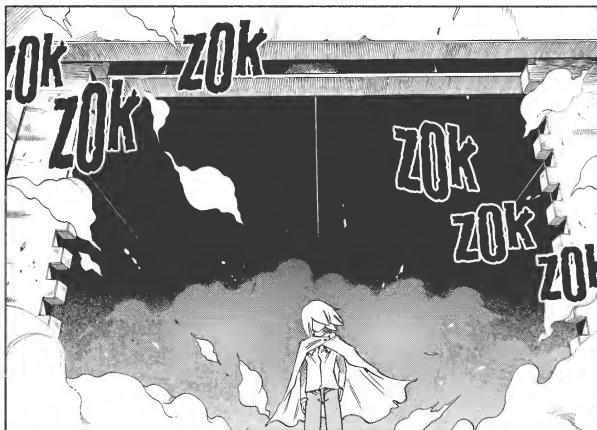
EXPLAIN
SOME-
THING
TO ME,
MUHYO...





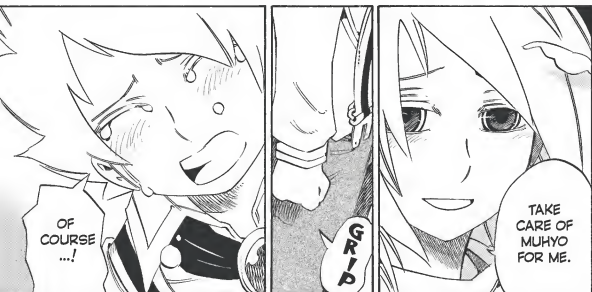




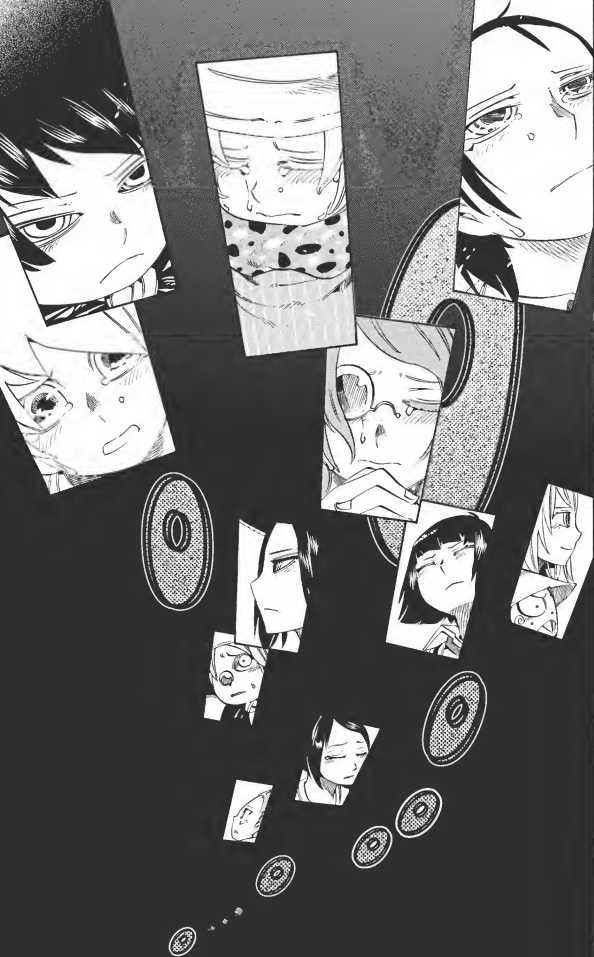


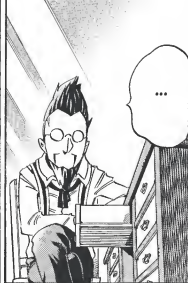


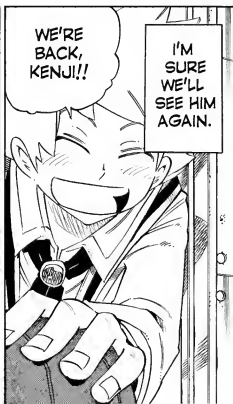












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